

REMARKS

Applicant's attorney wishes to thank the Examiner for the careful attention given this case. However, Applicant respectfully traverses the Restriction Requirement and requests reconsideration of this requirement in light of the remarks presented below. In order to be fully responsive, Applicant has elected with traverse the invention of Group I (i.e., claims 1-13).

Applicant respectfully traverses the Restriction Requirement and requests reconsideration of this requirement in light of the remarks that follow, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.143. The basis of the restriction requirement is that the claims are drawn to various products and methods of use. MPEP § 803, in relevant part, states that :

"[i]f the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions."

Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner will not be seriously burdened in his search in considering the inventions described in the restricted claims. Therefore, to conserve the time of both the Office and the Applicant herein, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the Restriction Requirement.

With the above election and accompanying traversal of the Restriction Requirement, it is respectfully submitted that the Application is now in condition for examination and allowance on the merits.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-2051.

Respectfully submitted,

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